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Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am submitting testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 7015

Nine years ago, my Dad's doctor called our entire family of eight children into his office. You see my dad was in the hospital in very serious condition being treated for a severe heart issue and COPD. His doctor explained to the family that my Dad was a very sick man and only had about three months to live. As you could imagine my family was distraught over the news. Our Dad, who cared for our large family, would not survive but a few months and there was nothing we could do to change that.

Dad was moved to a rehab center where they worked to strengthen him enough to come home. He was very depressed and didn't want to eat. He was basically giving up. Hey wouldn't anyone that was told they only had 3 months to live? Let me just say if the option of assisted suicide was there, I truly believe that an outsider could have convinced my Dad to just do it and get it over with.

I thank GOD that assisted suicide was not an option. Why you ask. Well let me tell you. My Dad had the support of his loving wife, children and grandchildren. We encouraged him – took him to other doctors got him back on his feet. He was finally strong enough to come home. There he continued receiving therapy. We continued encouraging him and giving him all of the support and love a family could give. It took about six months- Yes I said six months to get him back to the man that he was prior to the set back.

My family is very blessed my Dad is still with us **Nine** years later. As a matter of fact, we will be celebrating his 90th birthday in a couple of months. Doctors are NOT God. Only God knows when we will leave this world. Doctors are only imperfect humans.

I ask you all too Please oppose this bill – leave this to God. Awful mistakes will be made if this gets passed.

Respectfully submitted

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